

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6-8, and 14, and add new claims 19-22 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gurney for a patient wearing a spica cast with a fixed bar, the bar being fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend extending between the patient's legs in order to maintain the patient's legs in a fixed spread apart position, said gurney comprising:

a base structure;

a platform for holding the patient, the platform being coupled to the base structure and being capable of being in at least one elevated position; and

a bar support structure ~~coupled to the platform~~ for supporting the bar that is fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend between the patient's legs when the platform is in the elevated position so as to support the patient wearing the spica cast with the bar when the platform is in the elevated position, the bar support structure being coupled to the platform.

2. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is also capable of being in a flat position.

3. (Currently Amended) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is immovably fixed in the elevated position.

4. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the platform is rigid so as to always be substantially planar.

5. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure comprises a box structure.

6. (Currently Amended) The gurney of claim 5, wherein the bar support structure further comprises a protruding portion for preventing forming an overhang that restrains the bar so as to prevent the bar from moving off of the bar support structure when the platform is in the elevated position.

7. (Currently Amended) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure comprises one of ~~a plurality of pegs~~, at least one hook[[,]] and at least one trough.
8. (Currently Amended) The gurney of claim 1,
wherein the platform includes a trapdoor opening, and
the gurney further comprises:
 - a toilet is removably mounted underneath the trapdoor opening; and
 - a toilet support member for supporting the toilet underneath the trapdoor opening and facilitating removable mounting of the toilet underneath the trapdoor opening.
9. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, further comprising at least one adjustable brace coupled between the platform and the base structure.
10. (Original) The gurney of claim 9, wherein the base structure includes at least one brace adjustment feature for allowing the adjustable brace to be secured so as to support the platform in the elevated position.
11. (Original) The gurney of claim 9, wherein the base structure includes a plurality of brace adjustment features for allowing the adjustable brace to be secured so as to support the platform in a plurality of elevated positions.
12. (Original) The gurney of claim 11, wherein the brace adjustment features comprise a plurality of slots for receiving an end of the adjustable brace.
13. (Original) The gurney of claim 1, further comprising a pivot member interconnected to the platform and the base structure, the platform rotating about an axis defined by the pivot member.

14. (Currently Amended) A gurney for a patient wearing a spica cast with a ~~fixed~~ bar, the bar being fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend ~~extending~~ between the patient's legs in order to maintain the patient's legs in a fixed spread apart position, said gurney comprising:

a base structure;

a platform for holding the patient, the platform being coupled to the base structure and being capable of being in a plurality of elevated positions;

a bar support structure ~~coupled to the platform~~ for supporting the bar that is fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend between the patient's legs when the platform is in the elevated position so as to support the patient wearing the spica cast with the bar when the platform is in one of the elevated positions, the bar support structure being coupled to the platform; and

a motorized elevation variance system coupled between the platform and the base structure for changing the elevated position of the platform,

wherein the platform is rigid so as to always be substantially planar.

15. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one electrically-operated screw jack.

16. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one hydraulic cylinder and piston.

17. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, wherein the motorized elevation variance system comprises at least one pneumatic cylinder and piston.

18. (Original) The gurney of claim 14, further comprising a hand-held control coupled to the motorized elevation variance system for controlling the motorized elevation variance system.

19. (New) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure includes a protruding portion forming an overhang that restrains the bar so as to prevent the bar from moving off of the bar support structure when the platform is in the elevated position.
20. (New) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar support structure comprises:
 - a substantially flat planar structure; and
 - a protruding portion forming an overhang on an end of the planar structure for restraining the bar so as to prevent the bar from moving off of the end of the planar structure when the platform is in the elevated position.
21. (New) The gurney of claim 1, wherein the bar is fixedly attached to the spica cast at or below the patient's knees.
22. (New) A gurney for a patient wearing a spica cast with a bar, the bar being fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend between the patient's legs in order to maintain the patient's legs in a fixed spread apart position, said gurney comprising:
 - a base structure;
 - a platform for holding the patient, the platform being coupled to the base structure and being capable of being in at least one elevated position; and
 - means for supporting the bar, which is fixedly attached to the spica cast so as to extend between the patient's legs, when the platform is in the elevated position so as to support the patient wearing the spica cast with the bar when the platform is in the elevated position.